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Ian Charleson Hedge passed away on the 8th of August, 2022. He was a very good scientist in the field of systematic botany. In addition to his important contributions to the flora of Turkey, he also provided important assistance to Turkish scientists, when they visited the Edinburgh herbarium. Eminent Turkish botanists, Prof. Dr Tuna Ekim, Prof. Dr K. Hüsnü Can Başer, and Prof. Dr Adil Güner, sent me a letter to share their thoughts about IC Hedge. I am happy to publish their letter in the Turkish Journal of Botany.

My condolences to the entire botanical community, Prof. Dr Asım KADIOĞLU Editor-in-Chief of Turkish Journal of Botany

Dear Colleagues,

On August 8, 2022, we received the sad news of the demise of Ian Charleson Hedge. He was born in 1928 and was a renowned botanist at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh for many years where he made major contributions to the floras of Iran, Iraq, Portugal, and Afghanistan as well as Turkey.

In 1957, he collected 6000 Turkish specimens together with late Peter Davis (Edition of the 10-volume series of the Flora of Turkey and East Aegean Islands), with whom he worked closely for many years, and made a major contribution to the Flora describing over 300 species. He had also supported and encouraged the 11th volume of the Flora edited by Turkish botanists in 2000.

Ian Hedge has a special place in the hearts of all Turkish botanists who had visited the herbarium in Edinburgh. Commencing with the visit of late Faik Yaltırık, he subsequently welcomed every Turkish visitor with friendship, hospitality, encouragement, and botanical mentorship.

He was an honoured guest of several important botanical congresses held in Turkey, such as the 6th PLoSWA meeting held in Van in 2002 and the 13th OPTIMA meeting held in Antalya in 2010. In 2003, he attended the First Strategic Planning Meeting for the Nezahat Gokyigit Botanic Garden.

As an unmatched scientist and a benevolent and affectionate person, he will be remembered by all Turkish botanists with love and respect. May he rest in eternal peace.

Tuna Ekim, K. Hüsnü Can Başer, Adil Güner

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